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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

Letter dated 3 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General

I refer to the letter addressed to you by Ambassador Mark Moher, Permanent Representative of Canada, forwarding the document entitled "Text on the establishment of a Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban-Treaty Organization".

The letter states, inter alia, that the document is the result of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament carried out in the framework of the negotiations resulting in the Treaty text subsequently adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 September 1996 under resolution 50/245.

This statement is factually inaccurate. The negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament did not result in a Treaty text and no text of a Treaty was forwarded by the Conference to the United Nations General Assembly. The text that was adopted by the General Assembly on 10 September under resolution 50/245 was one that was brought to the General Assembly by the delegation of Australia as an annex to its letter of 22 August 1996, claiming that it was identical to the text contained in document CD/1427, which was a national paper circulated at the request of the delegation of Belgium in the Conference on Disarmament.

It is requested that the present letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly so that the factual position can be correctly portrayed.

(Signed) Arundhati GHOSE
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